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TO P.R.C.

FOLLOWING ARTICLE, QUOTED IN FULL, APPEARED IN THE OB-
SERVER ON JANUARY 27, 1974.: BEGIN QUOTE:

"BRITAIN IS BELIEVED TO BE NEARING A MULTI-MILLION POUND
DEAL TO PROVIDE THE CHINESE AIR FORCE WITH ROLLS-ROYCE
ENGINES. THE DEAL CENTRES ON A ROLLS-ROYCE OFFER OF THE
SPEY TURBOFAN, WHICH POWERS FOUR TYPES OF COMMERCIAL
AIRCRAFT AND FOUR MILITARY PLANES. THE CIVIL TYPES
INCLUDE THE HAWKER-SIDDELEY TRIDENT, WITH WHICH CHINA
IS BUILDING UP A COMMERCIAL JET FLEET. THE MILITARY
ENGINE POWERS THE RAF VERSION OF THE AMERICAN PHANTOM
AND IN AN ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS THE TF4L - THE
AMERICAN A-7 CORSAIR. CHINA WOULD USE THE MILITARY
VERSION FOR A FOLLOW-ON TO ITS SHEN-YANG F-9 FIGHTER,
WHICH IS BASED ON THE SOVIET MIG21. THE CHINESE WHOSE
REPRESENTATIVES VISITED THE DERBY FACTORY, DO NOT WANT
MERELY TO MANUFACTURE UNDER LICENCE BUT TO DEVELOP IT
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FURTHER AND USE IT AS A BASIS FOR EXPANDING THEIR OWN

AERO-ENGINE INDUSTRY. THE FIRST STEP IS LIKELY TO BE
THEIR AQUISITION OF A ROLLS-ROYCE TEST BED. I UNDER-
STAND THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE ALREADY WELL ADVANCED.
END QUOTE.

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